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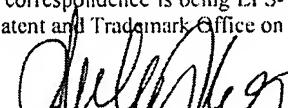
In re Application of: Butler	§ Atty. Dkt. No.: COS-890
Serial No.: 10/749,259	§ Group Art Unit: 1713
Confirmation No.: 8566	§ Cust. No.: 25264
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Dear Honorable Commissioner:

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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW THE HOLDING OF  
ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)**

This is a Petition to withdraw the Holding of Abandonment dated January 14, 2009. A Board Decision was rendered on August 29, 2008 in the above referenced case. The time for filing the Notice of Appeal (or further action with the USPTO) to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit is two months from the date of the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. *See*, 37 C.F.R. §1.304. Accordingly, the Examiner issued a Notice of Abandonment on January 14, 2008.

However, Applicants filed a Request for Reconsideration of the Board Decision on September 10, 2008 (within the required time limit). Section 1.304 further states that if a request for rehearing or reconsideration of the decision is filed within the time period, the time for filing an appeal (or further USPTO action) shall expire two months after action on the request. The Board issued a decision on the Request for Reconsideration on December 23, 2008. Accordingly, the application is not abandoned until February 23,

2009. Therefore, Applicants respectfully petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment issued January 14, 2009.

No fee is believed required with this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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<b>Notice of Abandonment</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/749,259	BUTLER ET AL.	
	Examiner Peter D. Mulcahy	Art Unit 1796	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

This application is abandoned in view of:

1.  Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a)  A reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of \_\_\_\_\_ month(s)) which expired on \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (b)  A proposed reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection.  
     (A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).  
 (c)  A reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_ but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below).  
 (d)  No reply has been received.
2.  Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).  
 (a)  The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).  
 (b)  The submitted fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is insufficient. A balance of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is due.  
     The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$\_\_\_\_\_. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
 (c)  The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.
3.  Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).  
 (a)  Proposed corrected drawings were received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.  
 (b)  No corrected drawings have been received.
4.  The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
5.  The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
6.  The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on 29 August 2008 and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
7.  The reason(s) below:

/Peter D. Mulcahy/  
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1796

Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.